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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **May 9 – June 22**.

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COCA News and Announcements

Recent COCA Calls:

Cyclosporiasis: Detecting, Investigating, and Preventing Cases and Outbreaks of this Foodborne Parasitic Disease

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061815.asp

Ebola – Clinical Updates with a Global Perspective

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061715.asp

Updated Information and Guidelines for Evaluation for MERS

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2015

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2015/callinfo_061115.asp

Archived COCA conference calls are available at emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp.

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp

CDC Emergency Response – CDC Response to 2014 Ebola in the United States and West Africa

NEW: CDC Health Alert Network (HAN): CDC Health Advisory: Clinical Considerations for the Evaluation of Ill Travelers from Liberia to the United States

CDC recommends that healthcare providers consider not only Ebola virus disease (EVD), but also other much more likely infectious diseases, including malaria, when evaluating ill travelers from Liberia to the United States. Signs and symptoms of EVD are non-specific and overlap with many other more prevalent infectious diseases in

West Africa. For any patient returning from West Africa and presenting with non-specific signs and symptoms consistent with EVD, providers should use clinical judgment, taking into account the patient's epidemiologic history for management, diagnostic testing, and treatment and coordinate healthcare as needed with the state or local health department to ensure that these patients get appropriate care without delay. The rapid identification of the cause of an acute illness in a person under Investigation (PUI) enables rapid treatment and resolution of symptoms.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00381.asp>

UPDATE: Case Counts

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/case-counts.html

UPDATE: Clinical Evaluation of Patients Who Traveled From West Africa

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/healthcare-us/evaluating-patients/index.html

CDC News and Announcements

NEW: 2016 CDC Health Information for International Travel now available

CDC is pleased to announce the release of the new 2016 *CDC Health Information for International Travel* (more commonly known as the Yellow Book). The Yellow Book is written primarily for health professionals and offers the U.S. government's most current health recommendations for international travel. The latest edition features comprehensive updates, new sections, and expanded disease maps (including country-level yellow fever vaccine recommendation maps). The Yellow Book is available for sale from Oxford University Press, and will soon be available online and as an app for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the Yellow Book and for ordering information, visit <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/yellowbook-home>

CDC Science Clips: Volume 7, Issue: 24 – (CDC)

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/

Public Health Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp

Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)

Find online and in-person training resources at

emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp

Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp

Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)

emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html

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- [Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs Providing Naloxone to Laypersons — United States, 2014](#)
- [Coccidioidomycosis in a State Where It Is Not Known To Be Endemic — Missouri, 2004–2013](#)
- [Update on Vaccine-Derived Polioviruses — Worldwide, January 2014–March 2015](#)
- [Yellow Fever Vaccine Booster Doses: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, 2015](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Tickborne Relapsing Fever Outbreak at an Outdoor Education Camp — Arizona, 2014](#)

Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

Seasonal Influenza

What You Should Know for the 2014-2015 Influenza Season

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2014-2015.htm>

Information for Health Professionals

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm>

Weekly Flu View – June 22 (CDC)

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html

Travel Safety

Current Travel Warnings – June 22 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

Food, Drug, and Device Safety

MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html

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[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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